

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS:

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate agreed to conference report on H.R. 3289, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13751–S13838*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1812–1814, S.J. Res. 22, and S. Res. 257. **Pages S13802–03**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1279, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a Program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–183)

S. 1262, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–184)

S. 1248, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–185)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3365, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13831–33**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 2051, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13833**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 2052, to amend the title. **Page S13833**

**Military Tax Relief:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should give priority to passing legislation to provide tax relief for United States military personnel and should offset the cost of such tax relief with legislation preventing individuals from avoiding taxes by renouncing United States citizenship. **Pages S13833–34**

**Agricultural Research Service Recognition:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 22, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research. **Pages S13834–35**

**National Stalking Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 58, raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by urging the establishment of January 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13836**

**Emergency Supplemental, Iraq and Afghanistan Appropriations Act—Conference Report:** Pursuant to the order of Friday, October 31, 2003, Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Interior Department Appropriations—Conference Report:** By 87 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 433), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S13784–91**

**Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1828, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, that the debate be limited to 90 minutes; provided further, that the Lugar/Boxer/Santorum amendment be the only amendment in order, and that amendment be agreed to; further, that upon disposition of the Lugar amendment and the use or yielding back of time, that the bill as amended be read a third time and a vote be scheduled at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader.

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**National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy.

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#### **Appointments:**

**National Council of the Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts: Senators Bennett and Sessions.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Gene E. K. Pratter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S13802**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S13803**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S13801–02**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S13805–07**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S13807**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S13807**

**Text of H.R. 2800, as Previously Passed:**  
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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—433)  
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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13837.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **MUTUAL FUNDS**

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the extent and impact of alleged trading abuses in the mutual fund industry and regulatory reforms necessary to mitigate such practices in the future, focusing on management and governance to identify statutory and regulatory reforms that should be enacted in order to prevent a recurrence of the abuses and to better protect fund shareholders, after receiving testimony from Representative Baker; Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, and Paul F. Royce, Director, Division of Investment Management, both of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston; New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Albany; Mary L. Schapiro, National Association of Securities Dealers, and Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; John C. Bogle, Vanguard Group, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mercer E. Bullard, Fund Democracy, Inc., Oxford, Mississippi.